BRITAIN SAFE FROM INVASION vulnerable or more difficult to hide, from

designs of Britain's first Dreadhough for the purpose, whether before that vessel was ready for launching or in harbor "It is further necessary to remember that vessel was ready for launching or in harbor "It is further necessary to remember that he come extraore curion, which were begun on Monday. inly a very few privileged persons were esent at the keel laying of these vessels, nd press representatives and phoperaphers were barred from the cere-

attleships provided in the 1910-11 naval estimates. All of their ships have been of the North Sea being successful it is necessary to puroneself in the place of the Sorth Sea being successful it is necessary to puroneself in the place of the officer who has to undertake the responsibility of conducting it.

The first four will be sixten ships of the

The first four will be sister ships of the super-Dreadnought type, and they will be nobdy many important improvements upon vessels of the Orion class, the ranged at the product of the product of the super vessels of the Orion class, the ranged at the product of the product of the super vessels of the Orion class, the ranged at the product of the super vessels of the Orion class, the ranged at the product of the super vessels of the orion vessels of the Orion class, the ranged at the product of the super vessels of the orion vessels of the Orion class, the ranged at the orion vessels Orion and the original Dreadnought will destroyers.

He has probably very vague and unshow the great progress made in battle-

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capacity, the King George V. will be nearly twice as powerful as the Dreadmought. The distribution of the armament is not yet known, but it is assumed that all the ten 13.5 inch twin barbettes will be on the centre line, with the second and fourth so raised as to permit of a four gan fire ahead and astern. All ten can fire on the broadside with large ares an fire on the broadside with large ares

Derdhought was 11 inches of Krupp George V, and her sisters will be 12 inches erior in its resisting power.

The contract for the fifth vessel of the

319-11 programme, a battleship cruiser, is just been awarded to Messrs. Palmer Jarrow. Her turbines will be built the Wailsend Slipway and Engineer-; Company, who constructed the turies for the Orion as well as those for ne Mauretania. The new battleship user will be a mighty vessel, with ennes more powerful than even those the big Cunarder.

When the five ships of the 1910-11 prostome are completed by the spring of is the British navy will possess a total twenty-five vessels of the Dreadnought uss as follows:

Oreadnought Battleships-Ten armed

For purposes of comparison the state of the German navy may be set forth that the notes had been chewed to piece and that the rats had built a nest of them.

All the bits were carefully gathered in the completed in the spring and summer of the lot.

p cruiser Moltke. These belong to the ogramme of 1908. The 1909 programme includes four adonal ships-the Oldenburg, launched

a inched by this time and cannot be that ate Germany will have thirteen Dread- hour. oughts ready to twenty or twenty-two day british including the colonial vessels In 1913 Germany will add four other 1914 four more, which are to be ordered more numerous than ever before ficially next April, making a total of venty-one. At that date Great Britain Il have twenty-five Dreadnoughts com- | as

eted, and there will be the two colonial seis if no further new ones are ordered. Much discussion has arisen in London d Berlin over the publication of "Notes htaining the (British) Admiralty View the Risk of Invasion" of Great Britan ich, by permission of the British Board of Admiralty, are added as an appendix the second edition, just issued, of "Com-

by Gen. Sir lan Hamanotes, which are signed "A.K.W." father "by his fellow members of the High-gate Lifebuoys Club, has passed away at this his North London home. He was in his Novet Wilson, were prepared, licially stated, for the use of the

flice in a debate which was to have place last November in the House of on a motion of Lord Roberts, who somewhat of a scare at the time were by no means so invulnerable invasion as their inhabitants ink. The debate never took o think. The debate never took owing to the intervention of the tes as contained in the appendix

really serious danger that this y has to guard against in war is vasion but interruption of our ond destruction of our merchant

strength of our fleet is determined is necessary to protect our trade, heressarily sufficient to prevent since the same dispor s to a great extent answers both

main object aimed at by our fleet

PRITAIN SAFE FROM INVASION

ONCLUSION OF AN ENGLISH
NAVAL ENPERT.

Reasons Why a Foreign Army Would Have
Small Channes of Landing Still More
Powerful Battleships Begun by
Lungland German Dreadhoughts.

London, Jan. 21 Ever since a certain foreign Power obtained the complete designs of Britain's first Dreadhoughts before that yeasel was ready for launching for British Advisables by displayed any which happened to be in a position to intercept the transports would at once get the order to concentrate as necessary for the purpose, whether she was at sea or in harbor.

The forther through the Admirable and the Commander in Chief, so that if a fleet of transports is sighted anywhere by a single cruiser or even by a merchant ship if she is fitted with wireless, every ship which happened to be in a position to intercept the transports would at once get the order to concentrate as necessary for the purpose, whether she was at sea or in harbor.

The British Admiralty has displayed an account of secrety over its naval ship-that, even supposing that by some extraordinary lucky chance the transports were able to reach our coast without being detected their presence mus, be known as a been taken to guard the secrets of setwo battleships King George V. and securion, which were begun on Monday. matines which are stationed along tae coast for that purpose. "Pesides the submarines there would

always a large force of descroyers The King George V, is being constructed at the Portsmouth naval dockyard, and the Centurion at the Devonport naval dockyard. No details of their design are officially obtainable, nor have any particulars of their dimensions have any particulars of their dimensions have any particulars. These destroyers, though no socially destroyers.

culars of the r dimensions been supbed, but enough is known of the vessels
give figures which will prove ap
The vessels are two of the five first class
attleships provided in the 1910-11 naval

by night as by day.

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3.12 la "Many of his transports will have more than ten to twelve

roadside pounds. 12.000 12.000 24.1 specds of not more than ten to twelve knots, so that there will be no hope for escape by flight if he is met by a superior

of fire. The 13.5 inch gun will fire a 1,250 part of his transports, even if supported pound shell.

The thickest armor of the original The fleets would engage each other, while

The thickest armor of the original oction of the thickest armor of the King oct. The state of the transports.

"Finally even if he reached the coast in strety he would see that it was quite the original Dreadmought carried five the original Dreadmought carried five the troops and that it was quite the troops and that it was quite oct. The thickest armor of the King George will have three tubes firing the 21 inches ocultate the attacks of submarines while he was landing the troops and that it was quite oct. The thickest armor of the King George will have three tubes firing the 21 inches of the transports.

"Taking all these facts into consideration, he would probably decide, as the

tion, he would probably decide, as the Admiralty has done, that an invasion on even the moderate scale of 70,000 men is practically impossible

RATS CHEWED HIS BILLS. Government Experts Ficeing Notes Together to Determine Their Value.

From the Philadelphia Record. bank notes was so badly mutilated that when the bills were presented for redemp-ion at the United States Sub-Treasury on at the United States Sub-Treasury effective their denomination and had to send them to Washington where the fovernment. them to Washington, where the Government

h with ten 12 inch gans.

Henry B Krause, who keeps a stall in the Oxford Market, presented the bills. He said he had kept them in a drawer in his When they all were lying asleep.

Lydia Margaret she grow will be feet. eight 12 inch guns.

per-Dreadnought Battleships - Eight desk at the market and did not know how desk at the market and did not know how lydia Margaret she areas with her tears!

And stood at Sweet William's bed feet Sufer - Dreadnought Cruisers - Three in the drawer as a nest egg to draw upon when he needed money urgently. Yester-And in addition two Dreadnought day the occasion grose and Krouse went the drawer as a nest egg to draw upon when he needed money urgently. Yester-Tis how do you like your blanket, sir Tis how do you like your blanket. isers, each carrying 12 inch guns, are after his wad. When he opened the drawer eing built for Australia and New Zea-land.

For purposes of comparison the state that the notes had been chewed to pieces

All the bits were carefully gathered up are in commission the Nassau, Westfalen, and taken to the Sub-Treasury. The liberaland, Posen and the battleship officials endeavored to fit them together, ulser Von der. Tann. Four others are but were unable to form a whole note out It is expected, however, that th the present year the Ostfriesland, experts at Washington will meet with Peligoland, Thuringen and the battle- greater success. Meanwhile Krouse must wait for his money.

Crows in Winter Quarters. From the Springfield Union.

last June, and the Ersatz Heimdall and the last few days by an apparent migration of an unusually large number of crown Much attention has been attracted within user. H, which should have been eastward and over this city. It is believed by standing in one spot one migl ng delayed. They will be completed in count as many as a thousand crows passing e spring and autumn of 1912. At that over the city within the space of a single

Robert O. Morris, ornithologist that of late great numbers of crows have Lydia Margaret was buried in the east of the In 1913 Germany will add four other taken to wintering in the suburbs of Spring-essels of the 1910 programme and in field, and that this year these birds are eastward migration Mr. Morris declared to be only apparent, as the crows are just likely to fly in any other direction e not at present migrating at all des roost in the branches of trees du e night and during the daytime fly le there in quest of food. They for the from sections further north, and by year exhibit a growing preference for the vicinity of Springfield as a winter resort

Went Swimming at 92

From the London Chronich The Grand Old Man of Highgate Ponds. William McKenzie, long known as "Grand-father" by his fellow members of the High-

gate Lifebuoys Club, has passed away at his North London home. He was in his ninety-third year.

I'p to six weeks ago Mr. McKenzie was bathing in Highgate Ponds, where he had bathed for many years. His unfailing regularity at the age of 92 probably constitutes a record in natation. I ntil three years ago he comed in the winter lifebuoy bathing processing the structure was to walk over the ports. His practice was to walk over the vo miles from Highbury and back for his

Girl Led Field in Fox Chase.

Wilmington correspondence Philadelphia Miss Sarah Fisk, 23 years old, a daughter

of Lewis S. Fisk of Philadelphia and a granddaughter of John Dobson, a wealthy Philadelphian, rode in the biggest fox hunt ever held in Brandywine Hundred, this State, and Delaware county, Pennsylvania. Miss Fisk led the sixty hunters through the day and she took the fences and other barriers in a manner that won admiration trop all After being liberated the animal ran to cover, but the bunters found another scent which carried them into Delaware.

Danger of Celluleid Comb.

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From the London Daily News.

A Stockton-on-Tees jury returned a vergicular to action. Any disposition is even moderately successful in ming this object will almost certainly effective in preventing a large fleet case of the result of the resu

POEMS WORTH READING.

Adventure.

Therever earth is, there her standards are; Her seal is set upon the wide sea gates; She bits her reckless calldr a follow far To where the call or death, or glory

Above her dead, yet turn them not aside White homes lie bleachies in the desert sun. To speak the tacture i deaths her sous have die i. Stern, unrelenting, certain of demand.

She is the keeper of the great game. Chance: She hides the strength of her steel showed hand Beneath the softness of the glove, Romance. There is no place for weaklings in her train She holds reward for those of sterner stuff. And only those the stubborn, benting strain. The brave heart breed that will not

The Little Chost. Katharine Typan in the Spectator

The sters began to peep:
tione was the bitter day.
She heard the milky ew's
Heat to their lambs astray.
Her heart cried for her lamb
Cold in the churchyard sod!
She could not think on the happy children
At play with the Lamb of Got. She heard the calling ewes
And the lambs' answer, alas'
She heard her heard's blood drip in the night
As the ewes' milk on the grass,
Her tears that burnt like fire
So bitter and slow ran down:
She could not think on the new washed children
Playing by Mary's gowa.

Oh, who is this comes in
Over her threshold stone?
And why is the old dog wild with joy
Who all day long made monn?
This fall little ratiant ghost.
Her one little son of seven.
New scaped from the band of merry children
In the nurseries of Heaven.

Without a speck of stain; His curis had a ring of light that rose and fell again. Now come with me, my own mother. And you shall have great case. For you shall see the lost children Gathered to Mary's linees.

He was all clad in white.

Oh. lightly sprang she up.

Nor waked her sleeping man:
And hand in hand with the little ghost

Through the dark night she ran.
She is gone swift as a fawn.
As a bird homes to its nest.
She has seen them he, the sleepy children.
Twist Mary's arm and breast. At morning she came back;

At morning she came back;
Her eyes were strange to see
She will not fear the long journey
However long it be.
As she goes in and out
She sings unto herse!;
For she has seen the mothers' children
And knows that it is well.

A Hut in the Apennines. Miss E. Boule D' Reilly in the Independen

High on a pass among the Apennines
A friend once took me to a peasant's but
Where a' the table as we entered in
An aged couple sat, who played at cards.
The husband, white haired, ruddy, fresh from toil,
His hands yet stained with balsam of the wood.
Sat smiting at his wife, her lover still,
And she gave answering smile, still full of charm.

And when we asked the reason of their game And when we asked the reason of their game davly and easily they answered us. In the sweet Tuscan speech no tongue can mat with the true dignity of Italy. Thach night we play, and he who loses must. Through the next day be subject to the other. And guidly do whatever he is bid.

I know not way, but oft this little scene Comes back to cheer me as I onward go Restless, self-centred, doubting, bilindy on Often I seem to see the mountain but Whose scanty windows scarce let in the light. A Burted perhaps in snow through winter storms, I see again the brightly glowing logs. The fresh plucked datsies placed before the shrin The tender face of that sweet aged wife. The stooping shoulders of her hustand true.

Oh. I am sure they nearer are to God Who bear the lingering years with simple Who live unconscious, hardy, happy live

A Traditional Ballad From the Kentucks

From the Journal of American Folk-Lore. Sweet William he arose on last May morning, He dressed himself in blue: "Come and tell unto me that long, long love Between Lydia Margaret and you."

I know no harm of Lydla Margaret, my love And I hope she knows none of me By eight o'clock to morrow morning Lydia Margaret my sew bride shall see

Lydia Margaret was standing in her boughing

Experts will examine them and fix their alue.

Henry B. Krause, who keeps a stall in the Oxford Market, presented the hill.

And there she sang so clear.

"Very well I like my blanket: Very well I flice my sheet; Much better I like the fair lady A tabling at my bed feet

The night a belo' past and the day a comin' on.
When they all were ising awake.
Sweet William arose with trouble in his breast.
With the dreams that he dreamt last night.

Sweet William he called on his merry maids all.
By one, by two, by three;
Among them all he asked his bride
Lydia Margaret he inight go see.

is Margaret in her boughing door.

She's neither in her boughing door; She's neither in her hall.

Tho' she is dead, la her own bed's made.

Made up 'galast yonder wall.'

irst he kissed her red rosy cheeks. And then he kissed her chin, ad hen he kissed her snowy white breast, but the breath always stayed in. ydia Margaret she died like it might a-been

When questioned on this subject yester-when questioned on this subject yester-by Robert O. Morris, ornithologist, said.

church. Sweet William was buried in the west: and out of Lydia Margaret's grave grows a red Spread over Sweet William's breast

The Poor Minstrel.

Willa Sibert Cather in McClure's Magazine thoes the darkness cradle thee. Than mine arms more tender;

Do the angels God bath put There to guard thy lonely sleep. There to guard thy lonely sleep.
One at head and one at foot,
Watch more fond and constant keep?
Watch more for the spring is in the wood,
Would you never trudge the way
Giver hillitops, if you could?
Was my harp so hard a load,
Even on the sinny morns,
When the plumë1 huntsmen rode
To the mustc of their horns?
Hath the love that lit the stars.
Fills the sea, and moulds the flowers,
Whose completeness nothing mars,
Made forgot what once was ours?
Christ hath perfect rest to give.
Sitliness, and perpetual peace.
You who found it hard to live.
Sieep and sleep, without surcease.

Sieep and sleep, without surcease.
Christ hath stars to light thy porch.
Silence after fevered song.
I had but a minstrel's torch.
And the way was wet and long.
Sieep. No more on winter nights.
Harping at some castle gate.
Thou must see the revel lights
Stream upon our cold estate.
Hitter was the bread of song
While you tarried in my tent.
And the leering of the throng
Hurt you as it came and went
When you slett upon my breast
Grief had wed me long ago.
Christ hath His perpetual rest
For thy weariness. But, oh —
When I sleep beside the road.
Thankling God thou liest not so.
Brother to the owl and toad.
Couldst thou, dear, but let me know.

Does the darkness cradle thee. Than mine arms more tenderly?

In the Orient

morning like a golden bark Respiendent up the azure sails The shadowy eve descends, and hark, The rapture of the nightingales The moon is like a burnished blade

The stars are sown on Allah's plain And then, her amber anchor weighed. Behold the ship of morn again CLINTON SCOLLABO QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Frank Rudd asks for help in getting the whole of the naturalle balled of "Le Fetti Navire." In the early "has at school in Farls we sang these adventures nightly "en faisant la ronde." How we hated it! Imagine "fifty pensionnaires, ranging in age from 8 to 18, for thirty minutes every evening after dinner foling hands and going round and round, singing: "Fest la mere Michel. "Malbronck sen sa ten guerre" two hall several airs for that. "C'etail Anne de Bre had several airs for that. "C'etail Anne de Bre had several airs for that. "C'etail Anne de Bre had several de bols. "Sur le pont d'Avignon." I could go on indefinitely. We were not showed to sing the "Marseillaise," however, that was gnathens.

M. 1. It.

In reply to the appeal of Frank Rudd regarding.

In order to help out Frank Rudd kindty publish the French ballad on this sheet in your next Sunday's column.

Frank Rudd assis for the French nursery rhyme about the little salior boy. I don't breain it quite as he does, but this is the way I have always known it.

To help out Frank Rudd and in the hope that it may stimulate his memory to further completing the chanson. I offer a few additional lines My French nurse taught me the whole song in the Sos, but while the air is distinct in my mind and the thread of the story clear, some of the three have vanished.

The several versions overlap, and at such points they are in substantial accord. Each, however, and the substantial accord. Each, however, they are in substantial accord. Each, however, and the substantial accord. Each, however, they are in substantial accord. Each, however, they are in substantial accord. Each, however, the contract away from another player, because in the contract away from another player, because the time away from another player, because in the contract away from another player, because the time away from another player. The contract away from another player, because the time away from another player. The contract away from another player, because in the contract away from another player, because the sum of the contract away for the contract away from another player, because the sum of the contract away for the calculations The several versions overlap, and at such points, they are in substantial accord. Each, however, adds some new item which one or more of the others has failed to recall. Accordingly, it seems fair to attempt the restoration of the text by combination of the versions:

Il était un petit navire. Qui n'avait ja-ja jamais navigué. Qui n'avait ja-ja jamais navigué. Ohé! Ohé!

Partit en mer le petit navire.

Et puis il vint un affreux orage Qui les fit tous tous tous, chavirer (A thrilling shipwreck Sur les co co cotes de la Guinée

Au bout de cinq ou six semaines Les vivres vin vin vincent A manquer

On tira A la courte pallie Pour savoir qui qui qui serait mangé. Le sort tomba sur le plus jeune Et ce fut lut, qui-qui-qui-fut mange

Et il monta sur la grande hune. Pour voir les va va vagues s'agiter Et il descendit de la grande hune. Et en sauce blan blan blanche il fut mange

lis le mangèrent à la sauce bianche Aver des sal sal salsins rotts

lls eurent la délicatesse De lui mettre sa pa-par part de côté Si cette histoire vous amuse Nous allons la recommencer

Si, au contraire, elle vous ennuie

I should be glad to have your correspondent "M. T." know the facts as to Commodore Tattmall's epigram. I should also like much to know who your correspondent is and have his address. Being a nephew of the old Commodore and having many of his letters, &c. in my possession, I am glad to know any one who Is interested in his history.

Permit me to state that I believe Commodore Permit me to state that I believe Commodore Taitnal's famous epigram. "Blood is thicker than water, did not appear in any of his official despatches, and in support of this statement I quote from The Life and Services of Commodore Josiah Taitnal," p. 85-87. The event described below occurred in the afternoon after the repulse of the urst British attack on the Chinese forts. The Mr. Ward mentioned was the Hon. John E. Ward, United States Minister to China, and Capt. Pearson of the U.S. S. Powhatan. The Toey wan was a chartered, unarmed steamer, as the Pelho was not madgable for the warships composing our squadron.

was a chartered, unarmed steamer, as the Petho was not mayigable for the warships composing our squadron.

At about 5 P. M. a young midshipman came on board the Toey wan from a neighboring gun boat to inform Flag Officer Tatinal that the Fig. 18th Admiral had transferred his flag to the Cormo rant destatch hoat, and had been seriously wounded. While standing on the 'bridge' is light piactorm rated rive or six feet above the deck and extending across the vessels a snot came from one of the forts, and stricing the chain if him extended along its edges, drove three linas into his thigh, enusing him to fait heavily upon the deck helow, by which three of his rits were broken. In addition to this there were but six men remaining on duty on board the Plover out of a crew of thirty seven, and as the little middly informed the flag ofheer of three disasters, he looked wistfully toward a number of large boats anchored below the time of fire, and stated that the Admiral was extremels anxious to bring into action the reenforcements which they contained. As the strength of the the rendered it impossible to effect this object without the assistance of a steamer, and the Toey was was anchored near these boats. Fing Officer Tattona yielded to the generous and nobic impulse which prompted him to render this unsolide vervice to the gallant Admiral, loward whom he felt under obligations for the prompt and nanosome manner

th writing the possessive plural should the last efter be joined or separated. J. F. M. Purely a matter of individual taste, but it tends o become one of those characteristics which is Purely a matter of individual taste, but it tends to become one of those characteristics which is tabilish individuality, the personal element which identifies the writer through his written word. This is a vanishing utility when everything is typewritten and the writers employ a robber stamp to call attention to the fact that they are far too busy to read or even sign their machine made script. It has proved interesting to note now variously this question, and it is somewhat wider than the possessive since it must cover all cases of the employment of an inner apostrophe. Las been treated by writing masters. Several systems, modern and ancient, have been curiously examined and not one authority seems to have considered this matter worthy of decision, for no system of penmanship exhibits consistency throughout the series of copy books.

The "crair" to replace one broken at the Obelish was cast at the Brooklyn navy yard by John Dougherty, who was then in charge of the found of the problem of the problem of the policy of the policy of the problem of the policy of the policy of the problem of the policy of th

tille. R. I.

In answer to A. N. Biogart I would say that after Lieutenant Commander Gorringe arrived in this country with the Obelisk and arrangements were being made to place it in its present position, it was found that some of the crabs at the base and some other parts of the metal were in such a condition that they could not be used without recasting, and this matter was placed in the hands of Tiffany & Co. the jewellers. After all neces sary parts were arranged there still remained a large quantity of lead and bronze metal déprisand an arrangement was made between Lieu a large quantity of lead and bronze metal débris and an arrangement was made between Lieu tenant Commander Gorringe and Tiday & Cothrough Mr. E. C. Moore of the firm and director of the silver works, and under whose direction that we employed for ten years, to have the surplus matter made into miniature crabs, to be used as insistands, one of which I am using while writing this letter, and small cooles of the Obelisk, and this was done at the old Tidany factory, 3st Frince street. The venture was not a profitable one, however, for not many were sold. Turing the transaction I was brought much in contact with Mr. Gorringe and snew him quite well. He was a blunt, typical seadog, much in appearance and manner to Admiral Tyans. T. S. AFFLES.

Before the Obelisk was swung into place Com-mander Gorringe exhibited the crabs and other material remains which had been placed under the shaft by the ancient sione workers at the time that the two monoliths were reared before the Cesareum. From the nature and particularly from the orderly arrangement of these have the cards taken back and played over. ancient working tools their discoverer addressed

York and San Francisco around the Horn will be saved by the Panama Canal? J. R. LEARY. Following the usual lines of steam navigation the distances are as follows: Around South
America by way of the Straits of Magelian, 13,377
miles; by Panama Canal, 5,228. The saving of miles; by Panama Canal, 5,228. The saving of distance will be about 63 per cent.

C. E. T. says: Playing two hand, A melds the narriage. Later he draws another king. Can he mile it with the queen in the sequence for a marriage and if not why not?

One of your correspondents of late inquired if there were any portraits of Daniel Webster in oils At my home here in Dover Plains I have such a painting, 35 by 25 2 inches, in a heavy all frame. THEODORE WING. Does the word "furtherest" exist in the English

SCHOOL FOR CARD PLAYERS.

Auction Bridge. G. W. F. says: The bids having gone up to two in hearts A doubles, and all pass. A insists that as he has made the highest and last bid the privilege of playing the hand rests with him. It backs him up and says the rule is that the player making the final bid shall play the hands.

Doubling is not a bid in the strict sense of the word, as it does not offer to do any more than the last bidder undertook to do. Doubling is simply an expression of copinion that the bidder with

an expression of opinion that the bidder will fail to carry out his contract, and as such it must be tested by letting the bidder try it, which he in reply to the appeal of Frank Rudd regarding the French ballad from which "Little Billee" appears to have been adapted, I send you the version I came across a good many years ago.

W. J. JULIEN.

be tested by letting the bidder try it, which is could not do if the doubler played the hand. While it is true that a double reopens the bidding the double itself is not a bid in the sense of taking the contract away from another player, because

trump declarations the suit should be much stronger in high cards at auction than at bridge. Six hearts to a queen and nothing outside is all

M. D. says: Can you give us any general rule that will cover hands on which a bid of two spades would be proper and the reasons for it? Two spades should always be an invitation to the partner to go no trumps, and should there fore be made on nothing less than two or three good honors, with an outside trick or two, or with length as well as strength in spades them selves. The danger of the two spade bid is that the partner may not be able to respond to the no trump invitation or to bid a red suit, in which case the two spade bid will be left into play it.

Mrs. Alva V. Lafferty, one of the four willing to play it in case your partner does not

Bridge T. H. E. says: The rules are clear on the point that if the dealer touches a card in dummy be must play it, but they do not say any thing about cards played from his own hand. How about this case? Dummy holds the tack of How about this case? Dummy holds the lack of clubs and two losing spades. Dealer holds onen nine and eight of clubs and leads the Jack from dummy, dropping the eight on it lust as the ten falls second hand. The dealer wants to take back the eight and play the queen. What law is there to prevent it? The drafer is not liable to any penalty for an exposed card.

No law specifically forbids a player from amending his play in this manner, provided it is done at once and is evidently a slip, and before the fourth hand has played to the trick. At the same time a player having made a mistake of

same time a player having made a mistake of that kind is supposed to abile by it. It is a good lesson in not being in Logreat a hurry.

W. J. C. says: We had a big row over this and want a decision: Z is dealer and Y is dummy. The make is no trump. A and B have taken in seven tricks, when dummy yets in and leads in seven tricks, when dummy yets in and leads in lack of clubs. B puts on the queen and Z plays the ten. A, who holds are nine small, asks to draw cards, upon which B pults the queen toward him and says. My trick. Mere some hesitation A says. All right. Lead away, and gathers it, whereupon B at once leads another club, catching Z's king. As he gathers the trick Z throws up his cards and A does the same, claiming a small stam. Z says the deal's void as A did not play to the club trick. A says this is mon strous. If Z is correct in his statement that A did not

drawn, but did play to the next trick without correcting the error. Z is entitled to a new deat. It looks like a large penalty for a small offence but that is clearly the law.

there is anything to be gained by it he is at liberty to conceal the ace for the present. It is convenient lies ventional for the parmer to start with a trump ventional for the called suit dentes the trump and leading a small card of the called

Cribbage, W. H. L. says: A bets that if he makes thirty one with his last card he pegs three holes. B bets the point for last card is lost. B is right. E. T. says: What is the penalty if a player says.
"Go," when he can still play himself."
He forfeits two points and his opponent may

ancient working tools their discoverer addressed his account to a society whose members would be particularly interested in such memorials of the ancient craft of such as work in rough and dressed ashiars.

Pinochic, C. G. W. says: Playing three hand auction, in examining their hands, one player finds he has a card too many, while another has card too few. A says as there are no misdeals in pinochie the short hand must draw a card. There are misdeals in pinochle, although the

do not pass the deal, and if any player has more than his right number of cards the hands must be dealt over again by the same dealer.

melds are in the same class, a card used in one meld cannot be afterward used in another meld in that class unless the new meld be of greater value than the first. This rule allows the sequence worth 100, to come after the marriage, worth 40 but not the 40 effects the 180 expenses. but not the 40 after the 150, so that the new king time and the boy and girl dance to th

WHAT WOMEN ARE DOING.

Miss Eleanor Louist Lord has just been appointed dean of Goucher College, Baltimore, Md. Miss Lord was graduated from Smith College in the class of '87.

Miss Anna F. Wellington has been elected a member of the council of the Associates of Radcliffe College for a term of seven years from 1908. Miss Wellington is a Radcliffe graduate of the class of '04. Since her graduation she has taken an active part in the organization of clubs in the Boston Trade School for Girls and has served on several committee

of the Colorado State Teachers Association. The meeting of the association this year is said to have been the largest in the history of the State, 2,500 members being enrolled. Miss Shoe was elected without opposition. Miss Lucy Davis has just been appointed

Miss Grace Shoe has been elected head

Interest to the State Senate.

J. D. L. says: When the dealer has bid one no trumps and no one has raised it what is the conventional lead for the eldest hand. In such case, of course, his partner has said nothing that could be taken as a guide.

It is usual to follow the regular bridge leads, but in case the hand offers any choice of sult most players prefer to open a black suit at auction when they would lead a red suit at bridge. At bridge one assumes that the maker of no trumps probably is too weak in red to deciare hearts or diamonds as a stater, so he goes right.

The Rev. Florence Buck is the first woman to hold a pastorate in Alameda, saries from making bids in a black suit, and it is in the black suits that the declarer of no trumps is often found to be weak. The third hand may have strength in black and have been unable to show it by a bid, whereas he probably would have shown any red strength.

The Rev. Florence Buck is the first woman to hold a pastorate in Alameda, on New Year's morning. She is said to have had the largest congregation ever gathered in the same of these seeds have been deposited in the tombs without any apparent preparation. Not a single seed of any of the three classes morning. She is said to have had the largest congregation ever gathered in the same of these seeds have been deposited in the tombs without any apparent preparation. Not a single seed of any of the three classes morning. She is said to have had the largest congregation ever gathered in the same of the same of these seeds have been deposited in the tombs without any apparent preparation. Not a single seed of any of the three classes morning. She is said to have had the largest congregation ever gathered in the same of these seeds have been deposited in the tombs without any apparent preparation. Not a single seed of any of the three classes morning. She is said to have had the largest congregation ever gathered in that city. Miss Buck was recently the pastor of the Unitarian Church in Palo Alto, Cal., and has preached also in Wisconsin and at Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Worthington Miner has given the Connecticut Woman Suffrage Associa- spirits fell from 2.52 gallons in 1840 to 1.37 tion a new headquarters. These are the gallons in 1909.

and the name should aways be strong enough to women includes the legislature of face this contingency. A good rule would there to Colorado, made the nomination speech force be not to bid two spades unless you are which resulted in the election of Reprewhich resulted in the election of Representative George McLachlan of Denver as Speaker. She also named the temporary chief clerk and also introduced says the Independent, they would show the interpretation of the eighteenth and the early decades of the nineteenth and the nineteent resolution No. 1, informing the Senate that there was even more "hard drink-and the Governor that the House was in ing" at this early period.

Miss Marian H. Jones of Hartford. Conn., has just been ordained as pastor of the Congregational Church in Staffordville. Miss Jones is a graduate of Smith College, class of '97. She is the first Smith graduate to become a minister and is the first woman to be ordained into the Congregational Church in Connecticut. At the services the trick. At the ordained into the Congregational Church

> Mrs. Maude Park Wood, who has just returned from an extended trip through the Orient, in a recent speech in Boston; to 1969, there has been a change from said that only 1 per cent, of the women in China could read. According to Mrs. Wood there are three schools for girls in Pekin and three in Shanghai. Out in China could read. According to Mrs. Wood there are three schools for girls in Pekin and three in Shanghai. Outside of these and missionary institutions there are only a few private schools.

Miss Emma Smith De Voe was elected president of the National Council of Women Voters, which held its first meet-It is impossible to play rubbers, as the number of deals at one table would not equal those at zation is the result of a call from ex-Gov. It is impossible to play rubbers, as the number of deals at one table would not equal those at another, so four deals are usually called a game and 30 points are added if elitier side gets 50 in five equal suffrage. States to form an important nighways of the proposal is that the present road in procedure that the present road in procedure that and a past of invoive a closition of the neutral position occupied in the country in the beligherent turn which affairs had taken but he regided. Bods thicket than a time of the test of the points of the reserve force in the beats up to the point of the reserve force in the beats up to the point of the reserve force in the beats up to the point of the reserve force in the beats up to the point of the flag officer's determination. For his gallant and chivatrons assistance commodore fathrali received the thans of damiral beats of the limited states he received marked expersions of gratitude and admiration from the flag in the flag in the flag in the first enhanced and admiration from the flag in the first enhanced on the first in this diag belt.

Confider the flag in the flag is a standorf, but after A, has tarown B is betting against an established record and a the will not when the first enhanced of the country in the first enhanced of the country in the first enhanced of the country in the flag is and to points are added if either side gets 10 in the four deals. If not, they add the points of the country in the first enhanced with the first enhanced and admiration from the flag in the fla the four deals. If not, they add the points of the higher score as a bonus. Honors are counted as held.

Mrs. B. says: We sometimes play royal spades, counting honors as in simple spades, but if the adversaries have the honors, they score them as multiples of ten. Which is correct?

There are no rules for royal spades, as the of Colorado was elected first vice-presis.

The Rev. Margaret B. Barnard, pastor of the Congregational Church at Rowe.

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"That ought to be easily arranged," replied Miss Cayenne. "All you have to do is to get a situation as a butler." Dr. George Luther Cady, pastor of the Pilgrim Congregacional Church at Up-

care lessness in not examining it, and the others play for the pot.

Call Ace Euchre J. T. D. says. A makes the trump and calls on the best spade. B holds the ace of spades, but leads a small one instead of the ace. Is this allowed. If the player thinks have lead is allowed. If the player thinks there is another to be called by the lead in the justice of the peace. Many of the of election, both in Laramie and rural precincts, were women, and they received the same pay as the men clerks

Work of a Boy Scout

From the Boston Transcript.

The practical value of the Boy Scout movement has been made clear to a Providence policeman by two acts of helpfulness in which a boy of 15, a member of the local organization, recently figured.

The patrolman had just managed to stop a runaway team when, glancing around, he a runaway team when, granding around, he saw a boy hanging to the other bridle. "I'll hold the horse, sir, until the owner comes up," said the boy, and he did. The same boy a few days later happened to hear water running inside a house, and finding it impossible to arouse any one, took a long, cold walk to the city hall and notified the water department. Inquiry showed that a water department. Inquiry showed that a pipe had frozen and burst and that serious loss would have resulted had the delugcontinued

A Clock of 1790. From the Westminster Gazette

An interesting specimen of a long clock made in 1790, is owned by a gentleman at Lutterworth. It has an oval face, a hand which points to the days of the week, com pleting the round in seven days; one which shows the true dead beat, and another which points to the chimes and quarters. Marriage and sequence are in the same class. On the upper part of the clock is a small of melds in piaceble, and it is the rule that when orchestra, which includes a flute, a cello

WHEAT FROM THE TOMBS.

Seeds More Than 100 Years Old Can't Be Made to Grow.

Gain and Brocq-Rousseau have studied both the germinating power and the digestive diastases of seeds of various agos, ranging from 2 to 3,000 years. The seeds were obtained from twelve botanical and archæological collections, and included seeds from ancient Peruvian

tombs. In general the disstases were proserved longer than the germinating power, but in no instance longer than 200 years while no seed of more than 100 years old. could be induced to germinate. Yet men of scientific education, says the Baker's Weckly, are alleged to have observed the germination of wheat found in the tombs of the Pharaohs. The distinguished Egyptologist Maspero, in a letter written to Prof. Griffon, explains the discrepancy as follows: "A distinction must be made between

private secretary to Gov. Patterson of experiments with seed purchased from Tennessee. Miss Davis succeeds a man natives purporting to come from ancient tombs and experiments with seeds which have been found in the tombs by experiments.

Liquers Than 60 Years Ago. The official figures for the consumption

of alcoholic beverages in this country show that the per capita consumption of

reduced about half. . If the figures for the closing decades of

the eighteenth and the early decades of The consumption of wine has more than doubled from 1840 to 1909, increasing

from .29 to .70 gallons. A large part of

this increase is due to the consumption which first came to this country in large numbers about 1848, is of course prob-lematical. Many of the wine drinking: numbers about 1818, is of course prob-lematical. Many of the wine drinking: races, like the Italians, after a brief resi-dence in this country become consumers

No Toll Gates for Maryland. From Popular Mechanica. The sum of \$2,000,000 is to be set aside by the State of Maryland to free it of the antiquated toll gates that now obing last week in the parlors of Mrs. John struct traffic along some of the most

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